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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 1, lipe 8, delete "characterised in that" and insert -- wherein--.

In claim 2, lines 1 and 2, delete "characterised by" and insert --wherein--.

In claim 3, lines 1 and 2, delete "claim 1 or 2, characterised in that"

and insert -- claim 1, wherein--.

In claim 4, lines 1 and 2, delete "in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that" and insex --claim 3, wherein--.

In claim 5, lines 1 and 2, delete "characterised in that" and insert --wherein--.

In claim 6, lines 1 and 2, delete "characterised in that" and insert -- wherein--.

In claim 7, lines 1 and 2, delete "claims 4, 5, or 6, characterised in that"

and insert -- claim 6, wherein--.

In claim 8, hipe 8, delete "characterised by" and insert--wherein--

In claim 9, lines T and 2, delete "characterised in that" and insert --wherein--.

In claim 10, lines 1 and 2, delete "claim 8 or 9, characterised by" and

insert -- claim 9, wherein--.

In claim 11, lines 1 and 2, delete "characterised in that" and insert -- wherein--.

In claim 12, 'lines 1 and 2, delete "characterised in that" and insert --wherein--.